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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
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Re: **New U.S. Patent Application of**  
**Inventor(s): Daryl E. EICHER, Jr., et al.**  
**Title: "Performance-Based Supply Chain Management System and Method with**  
**Collaboration Environment for Dispute Resolution"**

Dear Sir:

Attached is a new application for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including sixty-two (62) pages of specification, seven (7) pages of claims (1-47), an Abstract, twenty-two (22) sheets of drawings, an executed Joint Declaration for Patent Application, an Assignment with cover sheet, and a Request and Certification under 35 USC § 122.

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Our check in the amount of \$638.00 is attached to cover the basic application filing fee, excess claim fee, and assignment fee. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent and Trademark Office charges, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206. **A duplicate of this sheet is attached.**

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In re Patent Application of: )  
Daryl E. EICHER, Jr. ) Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Serial No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unknown  
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For: PERFORMANCE-BASED SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD  
WITH COLLABORATION ENVIRONMENT FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)**

Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the above-referenced patent application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. Thus, I hereby request that the above-referenced patent application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

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